

In re Application of: Crump, et al.

Serial No.: 09/716,486

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Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action
mailed June 28, 2002, in the above captioned application. Please
enter the following amendment:

PRIORITY

Applicants have removed any reference to an occluder and a
tether in Claims 10-12. This disclosure was objected to in the
Office Action of June 28, 2002. Therefore, applicants maintain
that the proper form of application for the present application
is a continuation application. Specifically, applicants submit
that the present application is a continuation application of